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### **DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT**

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 7th-March, through Sunday, 14th-March there were 232 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5U, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FS, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J5, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, R1FJ, S5, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TL, TN, TR, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9C, VK9W, VP2M, VP5, VP6, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZF, ZK2, ZK3, ZL, ZP, ZS

**PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

### **2010 VISALIA DX CONVENTION CONTEST DINNER**

The Mother Lode DX and Contest Club is pleased to host the 11th Annual Contest Dinner on Friday, April 16th, at the International DX Convention in Visalia, CA. Contest Dinner tickets

are on sale now at: <http://www.mldxcc.org> There will be no Contest Dinner tickets sold at the door. Order your tickets early! The dinner will be held in the Oak room at the Holiday Inn, Visalia. Dinner Speaker: The Return of Dr. Beldar.

Cost and ticket sales:

\* Dinner reservations are by pre-payment ONLY - no tickets will be sold at the door!

\* 38.00 USDs per person with random seating; or, 370.00 USDs for a full table for 10 people  
All 10 tickets must be purchased by ONE person. One table will then be reserved for that person.

Location of the reserved table will be random.

Seating is limited to 150, no tickets will be sold at the door. Ticket orders MUST be placed by April 12th, 2010. Please direct any questions to: [dinner@sonic.net](mailto:dinner@sonic.net)

### **3C0, ANNOBON ISLAND (Update/Delay)**

The following was announced on March 12th, about a delay for the April 3C0C DXpedition (edited): "Today we received a statement from Equatorial Guinea where we are told that in the coming days they will start some repairs on the runway on Annobon, and therefore; no one can not enter or leave on any flights from the island. It seems that there is hope that the work will last two to three months. Although we are prepared to leave for Africa at any time, we are forced to delay our stay at Annobon until work on the runway is completed. Access to the island of Annobon is by air since the sea is of great difficulty, slow and without regularity. All news and information will be posted on our site; we hope you all understand these problems are beyond our control. We want Annobon 3C0C to be activated as soon as possible. Thank you on behalf of the entire 2010 3C0C Annobon Island Team." For more details and updates, visit the 3C0C Web page at:

<http://www.3c0c-annobon.com>

### **4J0, AZERBAIJAN (WFF Op)**

Look for 4J0WFF to be active from the National Reserve "Yanar Dag" (4JFF-016, New One), Burning Hill, starting March 20th, and be on the air no less than 3 days depending of local conditions. Activity will be on 40-10 meters (including 30/17/12m) using CW, SSB and PSK-31. Equipment will be a home-made transceiver by UW3DI (w/PA-3xGU-50) into Inverted "V's" and a multi-band Loop with P=43m. QSL via: Box 86, Baku, Az-1000, Azerbaijan.

### **4S7, SRI LANKA (AS-003)**

Alexander, UX4UL, is now active as 4S7ULG from Colombo on the main island (AS-003) until April 7th. Activity has been mainly on 20 and 17 meters PSK. QSL via UY5ZZ.

### **5C, MOROCCO (Reminder)**

Alfredo, IK7JWX, and a team of operators will activate the city of Essaouira (Cap Sim Lighthouse ARLHS MOR-019, Grid Square IM51), Agadir (Grande Jetee/Jetee Ouest Lighthouse ARLHS MOR-040, Grid Square IM50) and Marrakech between March 16-23rd. Operators mentioned (with callsigns) to be active are: Alfredo/IK7JWX (5C2J), Leo/I8LWL (5C2L), Simon/IZ7ATN (5C2SG), Ruggero/IK2PZC (5C2P), AntoNello/IK2DUW (5C2W) and Michele/IK2GPQ (5C2Q). Activity will be on all HF bands and 6 meters, using CW, SSB, PSK31 and RTTY. QSL via their home callsign.

## **8P55, BARBADOS**

Members of the Amateur Radio Society of Barbados (ARSB) will be active as 8P55AW to celebrate their 55th anniversary in 2010. Activity this past week has been on 40/17/10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via: Amateur Radio Society of Barbados, PO Box 814E, Bridgetown, Barbados.

## **9Q, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO**

Operators Anton/ON6NL and Henk/ON4AHF have been on the air as 9Q0AR/6 and 9Q0HQ/6, respectively, using the club station's callsigns in South Kivu region. They plan to be there for about another 10 days. Both are currently working in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) with the organization "Doctors Without Borders"

(Medecins Sans Frontieres - <http://www.msf.org>)

for about the past two weeks. Activity has been mainly on 40 and 20 meters SSB using a FT-897 and wire antennas. There is a possibility of some CW. It has been reported that their workload includes setting up repeaters within the DRC. Over the past weekend, they conducted classes for the locals who are interested in Ham Radio, and the classrooms had about 20-25 individuals. QSL 9Q0AR/6 via ON6NL and 9Q0HQ/6 via ON4AHF.

## **A3, TONGA (Update/Pacific Tout Continues)**

Hugh, K6HFA, is on his second leg of his South Pacific tour (see OPDX.948/950) and is now active as A33A until April 2nd. Remember he plans to activate IOTAs **OC-049, OC-064 and OC-123**. He is now on OC-049. Activity will be on CW, SSB and possibly RTTY using 100 watts into a multi-band vertical antenna (for 80-15m). Look for him on the IOTA frequencies or possibly other frequencies. Hugh plans to call by areas (EU, NA, SA, ASIA... etc..) per propagation. QSL via K6HFA. His next stops will be:

Wallis (FW)- April 612th; IOTA **OC-054**

Tuvalu (T2)- April 1321st; IOTA **OC-015**

Fiji (3D2) - April 2326th; IOTA **OC-016 or OC-156**

## **CE0Z, JUAN FERNANDEZ (Aid Special Website Launched)**

Stan, SQ8X, has circulated the following important information (\*Please forward to all DX bulletins and circulate as widely as possible.\*): "I'd like to inform the ham radio community about a \*special website\* dedicated to help islanders of Archipelago Juan Fernandez, CE0Z. The site is intended to inform people about what happened at the island and how to help collect funds to restore the island's infrastructure and islanders' lives. We really hope this will help them as they have helped so many times to numerous hams visiting the island. In our opinion it's ham's turn to help now. The website is available at:

<http://help-juan-fernandez.org>

**IMPORTANT:** Spanish version of the site will be added in a few days. The idea was formed in my head right after the earthquake and has been introduced and widely discussed with the president of Radio Club de Chile, Dr. Galdino Besomi, CE3PG, who agreed to declare patronage over this aid action. RCCh will be 100% responsible for collecting and transferring funds to islanders. A monthly report will be published at the site + RCCh's website at:

<http://ce3aa.cl>

Please read the website to learn more about the idea and how to help. We will be very helpful for sharing this info across ham bulletins, club websites, radio leagues and other sources of

information. If you have any further questions different than website's maintenance and technical stuff, please feel free to contact Radio Club de Chile for further news and details.....  
On behalf of Radio Club de Chile, Stan Strzyzewski, Poland SQ8X"

### **CR1, AZORES**

Polish operators Marcin/SP5ES and Tom/SP5UAF will be active as CR1M and CR1Z, respectively, from **Sao Miguel (EU-003)** during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 27-28th) as Single-Op (?) entries. QSL CR1M via SP5ES. QSL CR1Z via SP5UAF.

### **CT9, MADEIRA ISLAND (AF-014)**

Operators Hardy/DL3KWF and Rosel/DL3KWR (XYL) will once again be active as CT9/homecall from the Hotel Royal Orchid between now and March 25th. Activity will be mainly CW on 30/17/12 meters. Hardy is expected to try some RTTY and PSK-31. QSL via their home callsigns. E-mail requests for Bureau QSL cards can be sent to:

[dl3kwr@darc.de](mailto:dl3kwr@darc.de) --or-- [dl3kwf@darc.de](mailto:dl3kwf@darc.de)

Visit their Web site at: <http://www.mydarc.de/dl3kwr>

### **DAYTON HAMVENTION EVENTS**

\* Tim, K3LR, announced that the **North Coast Contesters** are pleased to announce that Joel Harrison, W5ZN, will be the main speaker at the 2010 Dayton Contest Dinner. An active contest operator, Joel just finished a four year term as President of the ARRL in January of this year. For more information on the 18th Annual Dayton Contest Dinner, visit:

<http://contestdinner.com>

\* The SouthWest Ohio DX Association (SWODXA) has started to announced their line-up for their **DX Forum** at this year's HamVention. Don, N6JRL, will be this year's DX Forum Moderator, and so far, the forum's speaker/presenter for May 15th are:

**Tom Harrell, N4XP - The K4M Midway Island 2009 DXpedition**

**George Wallner, AA7JV - The TX3A Chesterfield Reef DXpedition**

**Paul Ewing, N6PSE - The YI9PSE Iraq DXpedition**

**ADDED NOTE:** At the end of DX Forum, SWODXA will be raffling off a Yaesu FT-2000!! Tickets will be sold during the Friday night DX Dinner and during the DX Forum. Tickets are 5.00 USDs or 5 for 20.00 USDs.

\* The SouthWest Ohio DX Association (SWODXA) has announced that their speaker for the **DX Dinner on May 14th**, will be Dave Anderson, K4SV. Look for his bio to be posted soon on the SWODXA Web or BLOG page at:

<http://www.swodxa.org>

<http://swodxa.blogspot.com>

### **DX0, SPRATLY ISLANDS (Update)**

In early February we reported that Chris, VK3FY, was in the planning stages of a DXpedition to Spratly Islands to take place sometime in January 2011. It was reported this past week that permission from the Philippines has been granted to operate from Pagasa Island (AS-051) for three weeks in January of 2011. The callsign of DX0DX is pending. Chris states he is looking

for good CW and or CW/Phone operators who would like to participate in this operation. They can contact Chris via his E-mail address at: [vk3fy@iprimus.com.au](mailto:vk3fy@iprimus.com.au) More details should be forthcoming.

## **E20, THAILAND**

Members of the HSDXA (Thailand DX Association) will be active as E20AS in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 27-28th) from club's HS0AC station as a Multi/Single entry. Operators mentioned are: John/ HS0ZDJ, Swen/HS0ZFZ, Nathan/HS0ZHG, Cy/HS0GBI, Winit/HS1CKC and Champ/ E21EIC. QSL via HS1CKC.

## **EE2, SPAIN**

Members of the Ondarroa Group will be active as EE2W from Ondarroa City (WW Loc. IN83SH, DME: 48073, Province of Biscay) during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 27-28th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via EB2BXL.

## **FP, ST. PIERRE & MIQUELON**

Operators Paul/K9OT and Peg/KB9LIE will once again activate **Miquelon Island (NA-032)** between July 5-14th. Callsigns will be FP/homecall. Activity will include the IARU HF Championship Contest (July 10-11th) as two Single-Operator entries. They will operate CW and SSB on 80-10 meters with a possibility of 160m and 6m, if conditions are good. They hope to have internet access from the Motel de Miquelon. Visit their Web site at:

<http://www.hamradio.pnpfarms.com>

QSL via their home callsigns, direct (w/return postage), by the Bureau or LoTW.

## **HH, HAITI**

Operators Jan/K4QD and Don/AF4Z will once again be active as HH4/homecall from the Northwest Haiti Christian Mission

<http://www.nwhcm.org>

between March 22nd and April 2nd. They will operate 160-10 meters on CW, SSB and RTTY as time permits. Usually nighttime low band operations will be limited to the availability of AC power. They will also participate in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 27-28th), along with Jean-Robert, HH2JR, and the Radio Club of Haiti in an attempt to again obtain the special prefix and callsign 4V4JR for the contest (like last year). QSL via their home callsigns. Operators prefer direct or LoTW, but the Bureau is "OK".

## **HQ2, HONDURAS**

Operator Dan/HR2DMR and his son Daniel(JR.)/HQ2DMR, will be active as HQ2W during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 27-28th) as a Multi-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. They will use monobander antennas on 20/15/10m and sloper antennas on 160/80/40m. QSL via HR2DMR. QSL via address on ([QRZ.com](http://QRZ.com)).

## **IOTA NEWS**

**EU-127.** (IOTA/WFF Op) A German team will be activating **Neuwerk Island** and the National Park Hamburg Wadden Sea (WFF DLFF-005) between March 19-21st using the callsigns DA0GLH and DF0WFF. Their QTH will be from a building by the lighthouse on Neuwerk. This building is 700 years old (the oldest building of Hamburg City) therefore the callsign

DA0GLH will be used and a special DOK "700NWK" number will be provided. Access to the island is only possible during low tide. In case of bad weather, the German team will not be able to go to Neuwerk. Operations are expected to start very late on the 19th, and they will stay for about 48 hours.

Operators mentioned are: Matthias/DK7LV, Peter/DJ4RU, Friedrich/DL4BBH, Henning/DB5BZ, Helmut/DL1BGC, Ric/DL2VFR, Frank/DL2SWW and Gabi/DF9TM. Activity will be on all HF bands using CW, SSB and PSK, as well as 2m and 70cm on FM. QSL via the DARC Bureau for both callsigns. If necessary, direct via DL2VFR. They will upload the logs to the WFF log search Web page at:

<http://www.wff-dl.de>

**EU-118.** RARE IOTA (Update)! Operators Oscar/EA1DR, George/EA2TA, Christian/EA3NT, Col/MM0NDX, Vincent/F4BKV and Bjorn/SM0MDG are planning a DXpedition to **Flannan Isles** (an extremely difficult island to land on) between June 18-21st. Last activation was in 2002 (also in 1989 and 1995). Callsign will be MS0INT. Their main target will be working as many JA stations as possible and giving everyone a fair chance of working the EU-118 IOTA reference. Therefore, they aim to be active on 80-10 meters trying to get advantage on the best bands, with 2 simultaneous stations on the air (possibly 3 stations in daylight), one on CW and another on SSB. They state, "Since our stay on the island is limited, please remember that 1 QSO will be enough, no matter the band." QSL Manager will be M0URX. The team is still looking for sponsors. For updates, visit their Web page at:

<http://www.ms0int.com>

**NA-182.** (Update) John, VE8EV, is planning to activate Greens Island in the Northwest Territories (NWT) in the Inuvik Region East Group between April 15-20th. As a SSB only operator, John would like to bring along a good CW operator too. He would also like to have the 2nd operator to be able to coordinate a fundraising campaign and not be afraid of a little winter Arctic camping. If interested in participating in this IOTA operation, please contact John at: [ve8ev@arri.net](mailto:ve8ev@arri.net) Visit John's Blog page at:

<http://ve8ev.blogspot.com>

Online logs will be uploaded as soon as possible after the operation.

## **JD1, OGASAWARA**

Hiroyuki "Harry", JG7PSJ, will once again be active as JD1BMH from Chichijima Island (AS-031) between May 2-14th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters (possibly 80m) using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via his home callsign. Visit his Web page for more details at:

<http://sapphire.es.tohoku.ac.jp/jd1bmh/index.html>

## **KH6BZF PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (For March 15-21st)**

|     |    |       |                                              |
|-----|----|-------|----------------------------------------------|
| Mar | 15 | HN-LN | SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS                         |
| Mar | 16 | LN-HN | -----                                        |
| Mar | 17 | AN    | BN - Below Normal                            |
| Mar | 18 | AN    | AN - Above Normal/Geomagnetic Level is QUIET |

|        |    |                                                 |
|--------|----|-------------------------------------------------|
| Mar 19 | AN | LN - Low Normal                                 |
| Mar 20 | AN | HN - High Normal/Geomagnetic Level is UNSETTLED |
| Mar 21 | AN | DIS - Disturbed                                 |
|        |    | VDIS - Very Disturbed                           |

#### GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

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**QUIET** - The "A" index is expected to be between  
0-7 and the "K" index will be 2 or less  
**UNSETTLED** - The "A" index is expected to be between  
7-16 and "K" index will be 3 or less

### OA, PERU

Daniel, DL5YWM, will once again be active as OA4/DL5YWM from Lima between March 20th and May 15th. Activity will be limited to his free time. Daniel may possibly travel to a different part of Peru and be active as OA\*/homecall. He may also activate a Peruvian island, but this depends on the local conditions. This will be a last minute decision. QSL via his home callsign.

### OX, GREENLAND (Update)

Reid, N0RC, will be active as OX3/K0KU from Thule, [Greenland \(NA-018\)](#), between March 23rd and April 24th. Activity will be limited as work permits, but Reid plans to be on every other day and try to get on the air for contest weekends, but he cannot guarantee this. Reid informed OPDX this past week that there is a possibility his trip will be extended for another 2 to 4 weeks after the stop date, so operations past that date may be possible. He also informed that he will make an effort to be on during the contest weekends including the CQ WPX SSB Contest (March 27-28th). He will be using the callsign OX3RC if his license arrives in time (he has been told it's in the mail), or OX/N0RC.

Reid plans on using 60 meters if his permit arrives with his license. He will also be operating on the other HF bands, including 10m if it is open. If 10m is open, Reid will be giving out his 10-10 number upon request.

Also, Reid plans to operate on the **satellites**, activating grid **FQ56** during his time on Thule. He will be limited to FM birds with a VHF uplink. Satellite operation is also dependent on the BMEWS radar system not interfering with the UHF downlink. Michael, OX3MC, gave a listen to the downlinks and thinks it won't be a problem, but he won't know for sure until he gets up there. The second factor would be the weather. While Reid wants to give QSOs, he states, "I'm not going to get frost-bitten to do it!" Reid will upload his log to [ClubLog.org](#), LoTW and Eqsl. QSL direct or by the Bureau via N0RC. ADDED NOTE BY REID: "Since I will be operating in my spare time, I cannot give a predictable schedule. I plan on sending out an announcement before I go on the air through a google group page with planned times, bands and modes of operation for that day. People can sign up by going to:

<http://groups.google.com/group/ox-thule-2010>

### P3, CYPRUS

Operators Alex/5B8AD, Tony/RX9TL, Mike/RK3QS, Max/RV3BA, Vadim/UA9SCX and Jack/RW3QC will be active as P3N during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 27-28th) as

a Multi-Single entry. QSL via RW3RN.

## **PACIFIC ODYSSEY 2010 TOUR**

Members of the Ukrainian DXpeditioners Team (UDXT) have announced their new project "PACIFIC ODYSSEY 2010" to take place between mid-May and early June. The UDXT members include the following: Sergey/UX0HX (Team Leader), Oleg/RK3FA, Alex/UT5UY, Yuriy/ UT1HF, Oleg/US7UX, Leo/UR3HR and Yuriy Grushevskiy/SWL. Activity will take place from the following islands on all bands and modes as:

**Samoa (5W)** - Between May 18-19th; callsign 5W0OX; Reference numbers are: CQ32, ITU62 and IOTA **OC097**.

**Central Kiribati (T31)** - Between May 22nd and June 1st; callsign T31X; Reference numbers are: CQ31, ITU62 and IOTA **OC043**.

**Tokelau (ZK3)** - Between June 2-6th; callsign ZK3X; Reference numbers are: CQ31, ITU62 and IOTA **OC048**.

Alex, UT5UY, co-leader, states (edited),

"The main mission of this DXpedition is activating Central Kiribati (T31), Kanton Island, in the Phoenix Islands Group. This DXCC entity is ranked #7 in EU and #19 in the 'Worlds Most Wanted List'. The next goal is activating Tokelau Islands (ZK3), which is ranked #29 in EU and #35 in the 'World's Most Wanted List'. The running of the DXpedition to remote Pacific Islands is always very expensive. We invite organizations and individuals to make the donation towards the cost of this unique operation."

For more information, please visit their "Pacific Odyssey 2010" DXpedition Web site at:  
<http://www.uz1hz.com/pacificodyssey.html>

## **PACIFIC (T31) TOUR CANCELLED**

Dragan, YT3W, sent out the following press release about the Sept./Oct. T31 DXpedition (edited): "It is with great regret that David/K3LP (Co-Leader) and I (Hrane/YT1AD Leader) must inform the DX Community that after 16 months of planning our DXpedition trip to Canton Island (T31) <http://www.yt1ad.info/t31>, slated for 11 days in October 2010, will be cancelled. We planned 6 stations fully equipped for HF plus two additional stations for UHF/VHF/Satellite plus 13-14 operators. Our goal was to make 100,000 plus QSOs much like our N8S - Swains Island DX-pedition in 2006.

This decision is based on the March 7, 2010, announcement by the T31X team planned for June 2010 <http://www.uz1hz.com/pacificodyssey.html>. Unfortunately, it is cheaper to send a smaller crew with three radios and two amplifiers.

In light of this recent announcement, the total cost of the trip versus the uniqueness will evaporate prior to our arrival. For this reason, we will pick another location for a future date. Minus some team member partial cash contributions and planned equipment sponsors, there were no cash donations made that need to be refunded. We will forfeit our \$40K cash deposit on the boat and seek other places in 2011..... Sincerely, T31F team 2010"

## **PJ6, NETHERLANDS ANTILLES**

By the time you read this, three members of the Southeastern DX Club (SEDXC) and the K5D team (Bob/K4UEE, Gregg/W6IZT and George/N4GRN) should be finishing up their operation on the Island of Saba (**NA-145**, Grid Square is FK87). Their last day was expected on March 15th. Operators signed PJ6/homecall. The purpose of this operation was to finalize plans and begin building a station for the anticipated political realignment in the Netherlands Antilles later this year. QSL via their home callsigns.

**ADDED INFORMATION:** The dissolution of the Netherlands Antilles was originally planned to occur in December 2008, but has been rescheduled to happen October 10th, 2010. As of March 8th, the break-up of the Netherlands Antilles will happen as follows:

\* **Curacao (PJ2) and Sint Maarten (PJ7)** will become two new constituent states within the Kingdom of the Netherlands (something like what happen to Aruba). (ed. For DXCC purposes, probably two deletions and two new entities.)

\* **Bonaire (PJ4), Saba (PJ6) and Sint Eustatius (PJ5)** are expected to become a direct part of the Netherlands as special Dutch municipalities. (ed. For DXCC purposes.... not sure, but possibly three new entities.)

For more information on the break-up, see "Dissolution of the Netherlands Antilles" on Wikipedia at:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dissolution\\_of\\_the\\_Netherlands\\_Antilles](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dissolution_of_the_Netherlands_Antilles)

## **QSL INFO AND NEWS**

NOT A QSL MANAGER. Khos, JT1CD, informs OPDX that he has been receiving QSLs for **JT1BH**. He wants everyone to know that he is NOT his QSL Manager and "IS NOT" a QSL Manager for any individual Mongolian (JT) amateur radio operator.

**NAVASSA QSLs STILL AVAILABLE!** QSLs for the 1988 N2EDF/NP1 and K2SG/NP1 DXpedition to Navassa are still available via the operator's home callsign.

**MM0DGR/p WRAP-UP.** Photos and a video report about trip to Whitlaw Mosses GMFF-067 is now available at:

<http://www.gmff.org>

**MM0DGR/p via MM0DFV.** urij, MM0DFV, was active this past Saturday, March 13th, from Kirkconnell Flow National Nature Reserve (GMFF-040). The station was located at the northwest side of the nature reserve (NX961701). WAB Square: NX97. QRA Locator: IO85EA. EU Area: SC06 (Dumfries and Galloway). IOTA: **EU-005**. WLOTA: LH-1234. More information is available at:

<http://www.gmff.org>

**NEW QSL MANAGER.** Phil, G3SWH, announced that he was appointed the QSL Manager for G4FOC - the HQ callsign of the "First Class CW Operators' Club".

**QSLs VIA LoTW: 4O3A, 9M6XRO, A31A, BX5AA, C6AKQ, C6ANM, CE2WZ, CN3A,**

**DP1POL, E51WWB, EA1AKS, EA9IE, EF8N, FM5CD, GI0KOW, HA7TM, HB9LCW, HQ9R, I2XIP, I4AVG, LN9Z, LX7I, LY8O, LY9Y, MD0CCE, OK1CF, OK1DO, OK3C, OM4EX, OP1A, OX3XR, OY3AA, OZ5NJ, PA5KT, RX3APM, S50R, SJ2W, SO4M, SO9Q, SV5/IK1PMR, SV5/K2LEO, T94CT, TF/PA3LEO, TO5A, TX3D, TX4T, TX5SPA, TX5SPM, TY5LEO, TY5MR, UT7QF, UW0K, UW7LL, VP2MUM, VP5T, VP5W, VP8DMN, XR0Y, YB1ALL, YT3M, YY5LI, ZF2AM, ZP6/IZ1GLO and ZP6CW**

**QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 5H3EE, 5W0CF, 7X2GX, A31A, C6AKQ, E51NAA, FK8CP, FT5WO, JR6EA, K2V, TF3PPN, TX5SPA, TX5SPM, UK8FF, XR0ZA and Z21BB**

**QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: CQ2I, CY0X, JD1BMM, RI1OP, S56DX, S57DX, UA2FW and UE1OLH**

## **S7, SEYCHELLES**

Operators Gav/GM0GAV and Rob/GM3YTS will be active as S79GM between March 21st and April 1st. Activity will be on all bands with an emphasis on the lower bands. Operations will be mainly CW with a possibility of some RTTY. They have tried to gain access to 7000-7050 kHz without any success, so look for them on 7050 or above and listening around 7025 kHz. They do have full access to 80m. There is a S79GM blog and the operators plan to update their QSO frequencies on that page. The blog page is:

<http://s79gm.blogspot.com>

All QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW immediately upon their return home and they hope to be able to upload their logs during the DXpedition to:

<http://www.clublog.org/charts/?c=S79GM>

## **T03, PRINCIPALITY OF SEBORGIA (DXCC Status)**

Last week we mentioned that Zoli, HA3HK, will be active as T03HK (Tango Zero Three Hotel Kilo) from the Principality of Seborgia between March 12-14th. Since then, OPDX has contacted the DXCC and we were told that "T03HK" - "does not count for anything" since the callsign they use was a T0. However, if they were to use an Italian callsign it may be "OK" for Italy.

## **T32, EASTERN KIRIBATI (Update/Delay)**

Operators for the major DXpedition to activate **4 uninhabited IOTAs** in the **Southern Line Islands group**, expected between March 17th and April 18th, have announced this past week that their boat "S/V Kwai" will be diverting to Fanning Island to pick up some passengers for Christmas Island. They expect a delay of 2 or 3 days. This will probably reduce the time on some islands. They also announced this past week that Nils, SM6CAS, has withdrawn from the DX-pedition due to his wife's health (severe lung problem which has still not been diagnosed). Nils will still be the QSL Manager for all 4 islands. The team requests, "Please be generous with your green stamps etc to help him recover some of this major financial outlay." For more details, visit the T32 Southern Line Islands DXpedition's Web page at:

<http://t32line.webnode.com>

## **TC18, TURKEY (Special Event)**

Members of the Turkish group called TCSWAT (Special Wireless Activity Team) are proud to

announce that special event station TC18M will be active on the air between March 16-18th, to commemorate the Naval Victory of March 18, 1915. Operator Ahemt, TA3AX, will be active from Canakkale - the Dardanelles to commemorate the Naval Victory. He will be on the HF bands, mainly on CW. This is the third year in a row that TCSWAT has been on the air to commemorate this historical day. This year's QSL Manager is TA1HZ, and he may also be on the air using BPSK31 and SSB. Detailed information is available at:

<http://www.qrz.com> --or-- <http://www.tcswat.org>

### **TG, GUATEMALA**

Roberto, IV3IYH, will be active as TG9IRP between March 20th and April 1st. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB, and RTTY. He will also be in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 27-28th). QSL via IK2ILH, by the Bureau or direct.

### **TO7, MARTINIQUE (NA-107)**

Dim, UT5UGR, will be active as FM/KL7WA between March 19-29th. Activity will be on all bands except 30/17/12m and the Digital modes. His activity will also include Russian DX Contest (March 20-21st) and the CQWW WPX SSB Contest March 27-28th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. During the CQWW WPX SSB Contest he will sign TO7A. QSL FM/KL7WA and TO7A via UT5UGR.

### **XR1, CHILE**

Members of the Radio Club La Portada and the Atacama Desert DX Group will be active as XR1A during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 27-28th) as a Multi-? entry. QSL via XQ1IDM.

### **YI, IRAQ (Update)**

A group of multi-national operators are planning to operate from Northern Iraq (Kurdistan) and will be active between April 2-12th. The team has received a ten day visa issued by the Government of Kurdistan. A band/mode survey is available on their Web site at:

<http://www.yi9pse.com/survey.html>

Suggested frequencies are also published on their Web page and OPDX.937. The current updated YI9PSE Team consists of the following operators: Paul/N6PSE (Team Leader), Bob/N6OX, David/AH6HY, Krassy/K1LZ, Bill/N2WB, Dave/K3LP, Al/K3VN, Wayne/W5KDJ, Jack/W0UCE, Michel/FM5CD, Jun/JH4RHF, Heathem/YI1UNH and Hrane/YT1AD. Pilot stations are: Don/N1DG (East Coast), Chuck/AA6G (West Coast), Toshikazu/JA1ELY (JA) and Col/MM0NDX (EU). The group is still looking for donations to help fund their DXpedition.

Donations can be made via PayPal or mail a check to: Kurdistan 2010 DXpedition, 3052 Wetmore Dr., San Jose, CA 95148, USA. Online logs will be available during and after the DXpedition. QSL via N6NKT. For more details and updates, visit:

<http://www.yi9pse.com>

Also, you can now follow their activities (as well as regular updates) via Twitter at:

<http://www.twitter.com/yi9pse>

**ADDED UPDATE:** Bill, N2WB, YI9PSE Team Coordinator, reports the following:

"Preparations continue for the multi-national YI9PSE, Kurdistan expedition, with departure for Erbil on March 31st. Last operators have been added to the team and the final pieces of equipment are being staged at their West Coast and East Coast staging sites. Organizers say all the pieces are falling into place very well and the schedule remains intact.

The last shipment of gear being sent on ahead goes out early this month, March. The team expects to be on the air April 2-12 with five stations on '24/7', emphasizing the low bands and targeting North America and Europe. Special attention will be done to beam to the US West Coast and beyond to ZL and VK. The YI9PSE Website can be found at [www.yi9pse.com](http://www.yi9pse.com) Lastly, YI9PSE will send twitter "tweets" to announce activity on the General Class portions of the bands - so watch for YI9PSE on twitter.com All plans are moving ahead. Team is looking for additional Club and Individual Sponsors. Thank you for your help and SUPPORT....."

### **ZK3, TOKELAU**

Operators Bill/N7OU and Bob/W7YAQ are now active from [Nukunono, Tokelau Islands \(OC-048\)](#), ZK3OU and ZK3YA. Their length of stay is not sure (activity was to end March 17th), but we will try to keep you updated.

### **ZS8M, MARION ISLAND (Update)**

Pierre, ZS1HF, will activate [Marion Island \(AF-021\)](#) as ZS8M at the end of April. Activity will be mainly SSB and Digital (He states, "Sorry, no CW"). He will be working on the island for one year as a radio/electronics technician once the supply ship "SA Agulha" returns to Cape Town. Pierre informs OPDX that he is currently still very busy with some technical and team training. Training includes maintenance on the Wx equipment and hydrogen generator, with team training including fire fighting, cooking and first aid.

The ship leaves Cape Town on April 8th, and he will arrive on Marion Island some 6 days later. The ship that take him there will unload food and cargo, and then leave 4 weeks later once the scientists have completed their work. Once the ship and scientists leave, he will be on the air. Pierre tells OPDX that this is his first long voyage. He has sailed before, but on some of the SA Navy ships and usually on much shorter trips.

On Marion Island, Pierre's job will be the resident radio and electronics technician for; HF, VHF, Wx station, Hydrogen generator, IT LAN, satellite system and all the other smaller systems that use 12 or 220V. He will be assisting the engineers with technical support. Pierre states, "One of the engineers will be writing her exam on the island, which will be a first for the island."



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